

The Rush County Council met in their first session of the year on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, Warren Norris, Gerald Mohr, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Leigh Morning, Attorney, and Deborah Adams, Auditor in attendance.

Deborah Adams, Auditor, asked for nominations from the floor for chairman. Kevin Spilman nominated Norman Winkler to remain as chairman. Jerry Kent seconded the motion. Warren Norris made the motion that the nominations be closed. Gerald Mohr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deborah Adams asked for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chairman. Bruce Levi nominated Gerald Mohr to remain as Vice-Chairman, Jerry Kent seconded the motion. Warren Norris made the motion that the nominations be closed. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman, Norman Winkler called the meeting to order. Winkler welcomed the newest council member Janet Kile. Minutes of the December 17, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by Warren Norris. Warren Norris made note of a necessary correction to Records additional appropriation as recorded in the December 8, 2010 minutes. Gerald Mohr made the motion to approve as corrected; Warren Norris made the motion to approve as corrected. Motion carried.

L.C.C.

Rob Hadley, L.C.C. Board Member, appeared before the council seeking the yearly budgeted \$15,000.00 from fund #158 (LCC Alcohol & Drugs). Hadley provided and reviewed the LCC Problem Statements for the 2011 year. Jerry Kent made the motion for the auditor to submit the claim. Gerald Mohr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECORDER

Sally Niedenthal, Recorder, appeared before the council seeking an additional appropriation of \$11,000.00 from the Records fund #011. Gerald Mohr made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SURVEYOR

Marvin Rees, Surveyor, appeared before the council seeking approval of the additional appropriation of \$54,907.07 from the Riverboat Revenue Sharing fund #150. Janet Kile made the motion to approve the additional appropriation, and Jerry Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rees updated the council of the previous loan. Rees informed the council that landowners who do not pay in advance will be the ones who pay the interest. Discussion was held if the project is kept under budget.

IV-D INCENTIVE

Kristi Marshall, Deputy of the Prosecutors Office, appeared before the council seeking approval of a \$25,470.00 additional appropriation from the IV-D Incentive Fund #111. The council looked at the fund balance of \$46,103.00. Jerry Kent made the motion to allow the additional appropriation. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WESTERN RUSH COUNTY SEWER DIST

Dan Scott, of Western Rush County Sewer District, appeared before the council to update them that the \$75,000.00 loan was paid down to \$42,000.00. Scott reported that the Sewer District was requesting an extension. Warren Norris made the motion to approve and sign Resolution 2011-1 authorizing the extension. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RALEIGH FIRE DEPT.

Verlin Custer, Chief of Raleigh Fire Dept, reviewed the fire departments 2010 annual run report with the council.

Custer reported that the average EMS enroute response time was 3 minutes and 42 seconds. Custer noted that the average number of personnel responding to an EMS run is seven (7). Custer reported that the average FIRE enroute response time was 2 minutes and 32 seconds. Custer noted that the average number of personnel responding to a FIRE run is nine (9).

Custer reported that in 2009 Raleigh responded to twenty-two (22) runs for Carthage and in 2010 responded to seven (7) runs for Carthage.

Custer shared the departments' appreciation to the council for the contract increase in 2011. Custer reported that the contract breaks down to \$131.51 cost per day to provide EMS and FIRE services to their district.

Jeff Sherwood and Norman Winkler each commended Custer and the fire department for their efforts to the community.

RUSH MEMORIAL AMBULANCE

Discussion was held regarding the renewal of the ambulance contract. Jerry Kent suggested getting a group of individuals together to study the ambulance cost issue. Kent noted that it was not his recommendation to set up a committee, but he himself would feel better knowing that the council had looked at everything.

Verlin Custer, spoke up but made clear that it was not for all, reported that Rush Memorial does a good job. Custer stressed that he would hate to see a private contractor involved again. Custer shared his thoughts of fire departments being involved.

Tom Barnes agreed that there were a lot of truth Jerry Kent's comments. Barnes reminded everyone that no one had much of a luxury of a study group. They had to make a quick decision. Barnes finished if a study group could in the end make it cheaper and just as efficient, then great.

Jerry Kent made the motion to form the committee, Gerald Mohr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jerry Kent and Bruce Levi volunteered to serve on the committee. The council will create the committee membership.

COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Tom Barnes reported on the various activities

- Drainage board is in good shape
- Looking at converting the current assembly room over to the commissioner room for future meetings. This will allow more space for the large crowds that appear at the drainage board hearings. A speaker system will be necessary. Barnes asked for the councils blessing as they are not going to spend lots of money on the project.
- Commissioners certificate sale at the end of March
- Technical help is needed for I-T assistance. Barnes along with I-T Technician Randy Herbert explained that sometimes outside computer support is necessary when working on equipment. Herbert questioned if the cost of repair and replacement parts should come from his budget or the office holders budget. Herbert explained that some departments have not budgeted enough for repairs.
- Barnes reported that EMA officer Mike Ooley has been using his own 4-wheel vehicle during assessing county emergencies. Barnes asked if the council would pay Ooley mileage for the usage of his personal vehicle. Jeff Sherwood mentioned that the EMA department already has two (2) vehicles. Sherwood also questioned what Ooley would possibly be assessing? Tom Barnes responded that Ooley assesses and provides a report of Homeland Security for the Homeland Security Map. Jerry Kent commented that Mike Ooley should be using the two (2) county owned vehicles provided to the EMA department
- Barnes provided an update of the Special Commissioners Meeting regarding the Park Restaurant. Barnes informed the council that the meeting went well and that the county had good representation, and the city only had one (1) councilperson in attendance. Everyone was informed how the commissioners legally stood on the subject.
- Barnes reported that APC Director Bill Todd would like to hire an engineer to review Hodges Branch. If they move to proceed with the project equal participation of the City will be needed along with their other half of the financial support.

- Barnes reported on the courthouse bird population. Barnes explained that a petroleum based treatment is approximately \$19,000.00; electrical treatment \$40,000.00 or the county could look into falcons as the City of Muncie has opted to go.

RUSH MEMORIAL AMBULANCE

The Rush Memorial Hospital ambulance contract was presented for approval. The 2011 contract approved by the commissioners is in the amount of \$650,000.00. It was noted that the 2010 contract was in the amount of \$700,000.00. Gerald Mohr made the motion to approve the 2011 contract in the amount of \$650,000.00. Jerry Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend, Solid Waste Director, reported that the \$20,000.00 loan was repaid in December.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-two (42) inmates incarcerated at the Rush County jail of which three (3) are sentenced and thirty-nine (39) are pre-sentenced.

Sherwood reported that merit deputy Matt Hedrick graduated from the academy December 23, 2010. Alan Rice who is the newly hired merit deputy as of January 1, 2011 will report to the academy in March of 2011.

Sherwood reported that merit deputy Randy Chandler gave notice of his retirement to be official July 1, 2011. Merit Deputy Duane Raab has also filed drop paper work.

Sherwood discussed the possibility as other counties who charge \$125.00 for sheriff sales and place \$100.00 into a vehicle fund and the \$25.00 fee goes towards the sheriff sale cost. Sherwood suggested that this could possibly be used to offset the cost of replacing vehicles. County Attorney Leigh Morning will do further research.

Sherwood reported that the 2007 Crown Victoria vehicle driven by Dahl Petry was probably totaled during the accident of Saturday, January 8, 2011.

Sherwood updated the council on the purchasing of vehicles for 2011. Sherwood commented that he is still looking at Chrysler and would like to stay local if at all possible.

Sherwood updated the council on the McCrready & Keene report

Sherwood reported that in the past central dispatch has been discussed. Sherwood informed the council that recently several situations have presented themselves where having two (2) separate services were a benefit.

WIRELESS E-911

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff and E-911 Director, received approval of an additional appropriation of \$31,181.00 on a motion from Warren Norris, seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, provided fund and budget status reports for the council to review. Discussion was held regarding the finances for the county. The council indicated that office holders and/or department heads need to first seek approval of the council of an additional appropriation.

Adams provided and reviewed the 2010 year end emergency transfers for the county.

Jerry Kent asked for a fund comparison report for the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Gerald Mohr. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion, motion carried.

<u>/s/Norman Winkler</u>	<u>/s/Warren Norris</u>	<u>/s/Gerald Mohr</u>
Norman Winkler, Chairman	Warren Norris	Gerald Mohr

<u>/s/Janet Kile</u>	<u>/s/Bruce Levi</u>	<u>/s/Kevin Spilman</u>
Janet Kile	Bruce Levi	Kevin Spilman

<u>/s/Jerry Kent</u>
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

<u>/s/Deborah C. Adams</u>
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor